

*GENERAL VAN DAMME.*

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cruel revenge on those who had disavowed his authority. Before he quitted Paris on the 15th of April Napoleon had recalled under the banners of the army 180,000 men, exclusive of the guards of honor, and it was evident that with such a force he might venture on a great game and probably win it. Yet the month of April passed away without the occurrence of any event important to the Hanse Towns, the inhabitants of which vacillated between hope and fear. Attacks daily took place between parties of Russian and French troops on the territory between Lunenburg and Bremen. In one of these encounters General Morand was mortally wounded, and was conveyed to Lunenburg. His brother having been taken prisoner in the name engagement, Tettenborn, into whose hands he had fallen, gave him leave *on parole* to visit the General ; but he arrived in Lunenburg only in time to see him die.

*Tin\** French having advanced as far as Haarburg took up their position on the plateau of Hehwartzenberg, which, commands that little town and the considerable islands situated in that part of the river between Haarburg and Hamburg. Being masters of this elevated point they began to threaten Hamburg and to attack Haarburg. These attacks were directed by Vandamme, of all our generals the most redoubtable in conquered countries. He was a native of OasseJ, in Flanders, and had acquired a high reputation for severity. At the very time when he was attacking Hamburg, "Napoleon said of him at Dresden, "If I were to lose Vandamme I know not what I would give to have him back again; but if I had two such generals I should be obliged to shoot one of them." It must be confessed that one was quite enough.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dmnbifqm\* Vnndamme, Comte d'Uneburg, distinguished himself in the wars of tin\* itopuhle and of the Empire\* and would have soon made a Mar-Kim! In IHlit, when his dituiHter at Kulm (perluuw partly produced by hid ktiowli)<1#f that a great misceiw would bring him into Mton) ruined his own career um.1 Napoleon'a beast chance of HucoeHB lie had, an Hourriome says, the worot of ohanuitors, and when taken prlHonter at Kulm was roughly tr\*\*att\*(I by Alexander on account of his pillage. Intentionally or not, van-dtuuiKs forgetting the story of the death of Paul II., took a bitter revenge by romulainintj that Ataxandar could not have treated him worse If he had amniilitated hli fatbor. In 1814, IxmiH XVI.II. waft foolishly persuaded to hay\* Vatulminme rttitley rdtuinMf\*u when he presented hhuiHelf at. the Tuilcries with tli»« other (Knerwi ox lii» rank, Thwwas done at the time that the